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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 HENRY FREDRICK BROWN,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR16-0259JLR

ORDER

15 Before the court is Assistant Federal Public Defender Vicki Lai's motion to
16 withdraw as counsel for Defendant Henry Brown based on a conflict learned during
17 representation. (Mot. (Dkt. # 72) at 1.) For the following reasons, the court DENIES the
18 motion without prejudice.

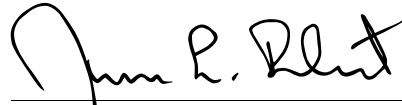
19 The Local Rules for the Western District of Washington provide, in pertinent part:

20 With the exception of a change or addition of counsel within the same law
21 firm . . . , no attorney shall withdraw an appearance in any cause, civil or
22 criminal, except by leave of court. . . . *A motion for withdrawal . . . shall
include a certification that the motion was served on the client and opposing
counsel.*

1 Local Rules W.D. Wash. GR 2(g)(4)(A) (emphasis added).

2 Ms. Lai's motion does not comply with the requirements of Local Rule GR
3 2(g)(4)(A) because it fails to include a certification that the motion was served on the
4 client and opposing counsel. (*See generally* Mot. (stating only that Ms. Lai has informed
5 her client and opposing counsel of her intent to file a motion to withdraw).) Accordingly,
6 the court DENIES the motion (Dkt. # 72) without prejudice. Ms. Lai may re-file the
7 motion in compliance with the Local Rules.

8 Dated this 3rd day of November, 2023.

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10 JAMES L. ROBART
11 United States District Judge
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